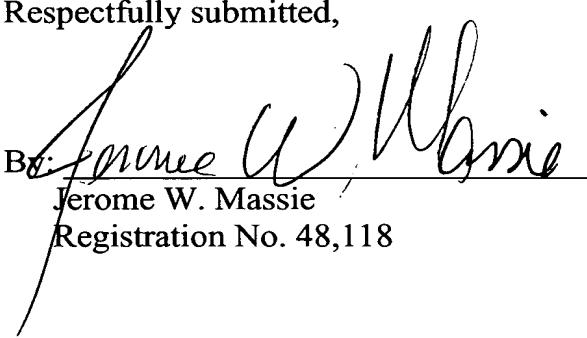


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16 and 18 are now believed to be in condition for examination which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone Applicants' representative to arrange such a conference.

Upon the finding that the generic claim 18 is allowable, examination of a reasonable number of non-elected specie, i.e., Specie II, is respectfully requested, pursuant to MPEP Chapter 809.02(c). Allowance of the claims of the instant application is respectfully requested.

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